

E.H. Gentry Facility (EHG) is a full service vocational and educational rehabilitation program which serves adults who are deaf, blind, and those with other or multiple accommodation needs. Our primary goal is to help students discover their limitless potential by achieving economic and personal independence through employment training, college preparation classes, and independent living skills. EHG offers a variety of support services for all students, all conveniently located on campus:

- ADRS Liaison Office
- Campus Security
- Case Management
- Counseling Services
- Food Services
- Nursing Services
- Student Services

EHG's goal is for students to achieve their maximum potential and exhibit job skills which facilitate a successful transition into the community of their choice. Additionally, EHG works cooperatively with Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) and Job Developers within the ten AIDB Regional Centers to accomplish this goal. The length of a student's program at EHG varies since goals and instruction are individually-designed based on evaluations and assessments.



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Welcome to E. H. Gentry Facility



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Evaluation Services

E. H. Gentry Facility (EHG) has a team of experienced evaluators who perform assessments to learn about each consumer's strengths and challenges related to his or her independence, employment goals, and educational opportunities:

- Academic Tests
- Aptitude Testing
- Assessments / Situational Assessments
- Interests / Career Explorations

Academics

EHG has a team of certified Adult Education instructors and trained rehabilitation and employment specialists who serve students with varying academic abilities and goals. Specialized classrooms are equipped with assistive devices selected to meet the educational and instructional needs of students who are deaf, hard of hearing, low vision, blind, deafblind, and/ or have other disabilities:

- Academic Proficiency
- Academic Remediation
- Alabama Career Essentials
- Communication / Vocabulary Enrichment
- Specialized Test Preparation

College Prep-Dual Enrollment

EHG's College Prep-Dual Enrollment program is designed to empower students with strategies to reach their personal, educational, and career goals as they transition into successful college graduates and enter the world of work.

Independent Living Skills

Some students may be recommended for classes in personal management, home management, and daily living skills. EHG's Independent Living Skills instructors have experience teaching students with varying abilities and challenges, including specialized Vision Rehabilitation Therapy services for students who have low vision or are blind:

- Food Science and Nutrition
- Life Skills
- Money Management / Budgeting
- Personal / Home Management

Assistive Technology

After a vocational evaluation is complete, students may be recommended for remedial classes to improve their typing skills, to learn or expand computer literacy, and/or to become familiar with various assistive technology which can improve their quality of life or prepare for future employment.

 Assistive Technology for the Deaf, Blind, DeafBlind, and General Caseloads

Employment Training

EHG's Employment Services provides students with the necessary tools and technologies needed to develop and enhance their employment skills. The first step begins within the evaluation process where students are given various aptitude and vocational assessments by EHG evaluators, job coaches, and/or employment specialists:

- Accommodations' Requests
- Career Exploration
- Conflict Resolution
- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills
- Interviewing Skills Preparation
- Job Search/Application Assistance and Networking
- Resume Development
- Workplace Communication
- Workplace Ethics

EHG provides job training in the following areas:

- Automotive Care and Maintenance
- Basic and Advanced Computer Instruction
- Carpentry
- Childcaré / Residential Services
- Customer Service
- Environmental Services
- Food Service
- Landscaping
- Laundry Services
- Manufacturing
- Retail
- Warehouse

While enrolled at EHG, students can obtain the following certifications:

- Alabama Certified Workers Certification
- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN)
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- CPR/First Aid
- Forklift Certification
- Manufacturing Skills Standards Certification (MSSC)
- Council Certifications
- National Career Readiness Certification WorkKeys
- Phlebotomy Technician
- ServSafe Certification

Specialized Classes

EHG also offers various classes which teach skills to students with specific academics or independent living goals:

- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Braille (4 types)
- Driver's Education
- Orientation & Mobility

Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

EHG affords training to individuals who are legally blind which can result in self-employment opportunities in the vending and foodservice industry.

- Experiential Learning
- Federal/State Guidelines for BEP
- QuickBooks Training
- ServSafe Certification
- Small Business Operation
- Snack Bar / Cafe Operation
- Vending Operation

DeafBlind Services

Consumers who have dual sensory loss receive specialized instruction within EHG's DeafBlind Services. Each consumer's unique needs are assessed during an initial evaluation and a program is designed which may include:

- Alternative Communication
- Computer Instruction & Adaptive Technology
- Orientation & Mobility

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Services

EHG's Reaching Independence through Supported Education (RISE) program serves individuals with autism and sensory loss. The program works with K-12 students, adult consumers, families, and other stakeholders to achieve long-term goals through:

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy
- Behavior Consultation
- Collaboration with Education and Rehabilitation Teams
- Parent Support Groups and Workshops

Extended Day Program

Students who reside in local communities in and around Talladega may choose to commute daily to campus for training. EHG has residential facilities and recreation programs for students for who live outside the range for a daily commute:

- Exercise Room
- Independent Living Apartments
- Laundry Services
- Local Transportation Services
- Recreational Areas and Activities
- Semi-Independent Apartments
- Student Advisory Council

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